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Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- (1) A Response to Species Election Requirement dated July 23, 2002;
- (2) A Request for an Extension of Time of one month to and including September 23, 2002;
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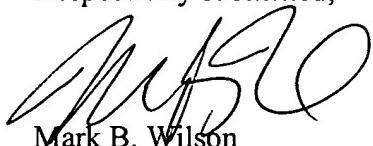
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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT
DATED JULY 23, 2002; AND II. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the species election requirement dated July 23, 2002, for which the date for response was August 23, 2002.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to September 23, 2002, which is within the six-month statutory period.

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I. RESPONSE

A. Telephonic Interview Summary

Applicants' representative had a telephonic interview with the Examiner on August 7, 2002 regarding the species election requirement dated July 23, 2002. The substance of the interview was to clarify the species election requirement.

During the telephonic interview the Examiner confirmed that claim 1 is a composition comprising comonomers (I), (II) and (III). The Examiner stated that Applicants must elect a species for comonomers (II) and (III) for further prosecution in this case. The Examiner also stated that Applicants are not required to elect a species for comonomer (I) because the formula for comonomer (I) recited in presently pending claim 1 was satisfactory.

B. Species Election

In response to the species election requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect for comonomer (II), the formula recited in presently pending claim 6. For comonomer (III), Applicants elect formula (A1) as recited in present claim 14. Therefore, claims 6 and 14 read on the elected species. Claims 4-5 are specific to non-elected species. Applicants reserve the right to have any and all dependent claims directed to the non-elected species examined in the present case if any generic claims are found to be allowable.

C. Conclusion

Applicants believe this to be a full and complete response to the Action dated July 23, 2002. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of this case in view of the above comments and amendments. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Applicants' representative at (512) 536-3035.